

## CHAPTER 56-02-02 CONTINUING EDUCATION

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**56-02-02-01. Postgraduate educational requirements.** As a condition of the annual renewal of the license to practice optometry, every registered optometrist shall have attended during the three-year period preceding the date of renewal thirty-six classroom hours of optometric educational programs required by North Dakota Century Code section 43-13-20, hereinafter called educational requirements. Effective January 1, 2001, the educational requirements for the three-year period immediately preceding January 1, 2001, and for each reporting period thereafter, shall be fifty classroom hours.

**History:** Amended effective December 1, 1987; April 1, 1990; November 1, 1997.

**General Authority:** NDCC 43-13-13

**Law Implemented:** NDCC 43-13-20

**56-02-02-02. Compliance with educational requirements.** The required number of hours of educational requirements may be obtained by one or more of the following methods:

1. Educational programs, clinics, seminars, meetings, or study sessions without or within North Dakota that may be approved by the state board of optometry. A request for approval for a particular educational program, clinic, seminar, meeting, or study session must be made to the board at least thirty days prior to the educational meeting and the board shall either grant or deny its approval of such educational meeting within a reasonable period of time in advance of such educational meeting.
2. In situations of extenuating circumstances and upon receipt by the board of satisfactory evidence of such circumstances, the board may approve specific home study educational material for part or all of such educational requirements.

**History:** Amended effective December 1, 1987; January 1, 1995.

**General Authority:** NDCC 43-13-20

**Law Implemented:** NDCC 43-13-20

**56-02-02-03. Notification by secretary of the board.** Repealed effective December 1, 1987.

**56-02-02-04. Certificate of compliance.** All optometrists licensed in this state must file with the secretary a certification of educational program compliance with the optometrist's annual license fee on forms which shall be provided by the secretary. No more than twenty-five percent of the total hours certified may be in practice management. No more than twenty-five percent of the total hours certified may be by correspondence.

**History:** Amended effective December 1, 1987; January 1, 1995.

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**Law Implemented:** NDCC 43-13-20

**56-02-02-05. Secretary to keep records of compliance.** The secretary, or the secretary's designee, shall keep accurate records of the number of classroom hours which registered optometrists have credited toward meeting the educational requirements. At least six months prior to the end of any applicable registration period, the secretary shall give notice, by certified mail, to any registered optometrist who is six or more hours short of meeting the educational requirements for the three-year period ending on the date of renewal. Such notice must advise the registered optometrist of the number of hours of optometric educational programs which must be completed within the balance of the three-year period in order to comply with this section and North Dakota Century Code section 43-13-20.

**History:** Amended effective December 1, 1987.

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